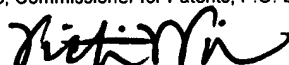


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AUGUST 24, 2006**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 24, 2006 (Paper No. 20060820) for which a response is due on November 24, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 24, 2007. February 24, 2007 fell on Saturday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include the attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the replacement sheets is attached following page 12 of this paper.